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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT DEVELOPMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 096935, (B) CANBERRA 3247

1. AFTER LONG DELAY, AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE (BOWLES, DIRECTOR, EUROPE, AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST) RESPONDED ON MAY 11 TO OUR INQUIRY ON THIS SUBJECT. BOWLES STATED THAHAUSTRALIAN POLICY WAS "EVEN-HANDED" AND THAT GOA OFFICIALLY ENCOURAGED TRADE WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST, ARAB AS WELL AS ISRAEL. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO BOYCOTT, GOA ADVISES EXPORTERS OF BOYCOTT REGULATIONS BUT LEAVES COMPLIANCE ENTIRELY UP TO INDIVIDUAL EXPORTERS AS MATTER FOR THEIR OWN BUSINESS DECISION. BOWLES CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS FACT THAT TRADE MISSION SCHEDULED FOR VISIT TO ISRAEL IN JUNE (REF B, PARA. 1) AND THAT OTHER TRADE MISSIONS HAVE VISITED AND WILL VISIT ARAB COUNTRIES AS WELL IN FUTURE.

2. BOWLES HAD NO FEEL FOR IMPACT OF BOYCOTT ON AUSTRALIAN

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TRADE WITH ISRAEL AND KNEW OF NO INSTANCES OF SHIFT OF BUSINESS

FROM U.S. TO AUSTRALIAN FIRMS.

3. COMMENT: DELAY IN RESPONDING TO OUR INQUIRY WAS  
UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT OF ABSENCE OF LEAVE DOT OFFICIAL WE  
ORIGINALLY CONTACTED AND ENSUING DELAY IN PUTTING SUBSTITUTE  
IN TOUCH WITH US. THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO INDICATION OF  
AUSTRALIAN RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. HARGROVE

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